

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed March 2, 2009, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a gaming device having “a secondary display having a mask over a LCD display for masking selected portions of the LCD display to modify the shape of pixels on the LCD display”.
- II. Claims 16-29, drawn to a method including “masking the square pixels to smooth edges of the pixels to provide a low-tech appearance to a viewer with an appearance of increased solution”.
- III. Claims 30-46, drawn to a mask product including a substrate having “a matrix of dots in the substrate that allow light to pass through the dots, wherein the dots are formed on the substrate in a position to smooth edges of display pixels”.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-15 and newly added claims 47-56 which are believed to belong in Group I. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 16-46 (Groups II and III) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

New claims 47-56 are similar to claim 1, as both claims 1 and 47 recite a gaming control unit, a media control unit and a display device with a mask. Thus, they are believed to belong in Group I, and it is respectfully requested that they be examined as along with claims 1-15.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

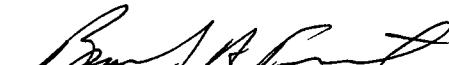
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